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World Mission Sunday

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, October 22, 2017 the Catholic Church throughout the world will observe World Mission Sunday. This year it has been given the theme: “Rediscovering Mission at the Heart of Christian Faith”.

On this day Catholics everywhere are invited to support the mission work of the Church by their prayers and through financial contributions to the special collection taken up at the weekend Masses.

The distribution of the proceeds of this collection is overseen by Pontifical Mission Societies, the money is used for the missionary work of the Church in the neediest areas of the world.

In his message for this year’s World Mission Day, Pope Francis quotes from the gospel of John, the transformative power and the mission of Christ filled with joy that offers new life: the life of the Risen Christ who, by bestowing his life-giving Spirit, becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. Jn 14:6) He is the Way who invites us to follow him with confidence and courage. In following Jesus as our Way, we experience Truth and receive his Life, which is fullness of communion with God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. That life sets us free from every kind of selfishness, and is a source of creativity in love (World Mission message 2017).

Your generous prayer and financial support of World Mission Sunday is an excellent way to enable the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a good opportunity for making the missionary heart of Christian communities join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast needs of evangelization.

Thanking you for your participation in and support of this annual celebration.

Yours in the Spirit of Mission,

Bishop Vincent Nguyen
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